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TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

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SUBJECT: FDOT RECONSTRUCTION OF ALTON ROAD MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC PLAN

**UPDATE** 

The purpose of the LTC is to provide information on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Alton Road Construction Project Phase 6A. Phase 6A will include the installation of new drainage, the construction of sidewalk, driveways, pedestrian ramps, lighting, signals, and the re-constructing the section of roadway from 8th Street to 16th Street on the east side and from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side. These activities will require full closure of those sections of roadway.

FDOT will provide information regarding upcoming travel times to assist drivers heading north on Alton Road and using the detour between 17 Street and Michigan Avenue. An electronic message sign, located on the east side of Alton Road at 13 Street, will be updated throughout each day to provide the estimated time it will take to travel through the detour route. Regular hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nighttime work may be conducted for certain drainage activities. In the period of time from October 23 through October 25, 2013 there will be night time construction activity along 5th Street and Alton Road. Restoration of the concrete island on the southwest corner of 5 Street and Alton Road. Restriping of the eastbound travel lanes from west of Alton Road to Lennox Avenue. One eastbound lane on 5 Street will be closed during nighttime hours. The exclusive right-turn lane onto southbound Alton Road will be closed each night during the work.

In order to provide more southbound capacity, beginning the week of October 28, 2013, the contractor will restripe West Avenue between 6th Street and 17th Street to serve as the alternative southbound corridor. This work will occur at night. Once the restriping is completed, there will be two southbound lanes and one northbound lane available on West Avenue. The center turn lane will be temporarily removed to accommodate the additional southbound lane. On-street parking will be maintained. West Avenue will be in this lane configuration for the rest of the Alton Road project. At the end of the project, the contractor will repave and restripe the roadway to its original condition. Pedestrian and business access will be maintained at all times.

Beginning the week of November 4, 2013 Alton Road will accommodate northbound traffic from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Southbound traffic will be diverted to West Avenue. Construction activity will include setting up the new work zone, excavating the roadway, installing new drainage, sidewalks, driveways, pedestrian ramps, lighting, signals and rebuilding this section of roadway.

Two northbound lanes will be open on Alton Road in this area during this time. Permanent closures will be established along the east side of Alton Road from 8th Street to 16th Street and the west side between 16th Street and 17th Street. Side street access will be restricted at times throughout the corridor. On-street parking will be temporarily eliminated throughout the corridor. Available on-street parking will remain on the west side of the street between 8th Street and 10th Street and on the East side of the street from Lincoln Road to 17 Street. This work is anticipated to last approximately five (5) months. Pedestrian and business access will be maintained at all times. The construction team will coordinate the closure of driveways. At least one entrance will be maintained at all times.

A separate push-button drainage project will begin on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at Alton Road and 5 Street. Construction activity will include installing several underground drainage structures, repaving and restriping a section of the intersection particularly, the dedicated right turn lane from eastbound 5th Street to southbound Alton Road. The channelized right turn will be closed continuously from November 6 to November 24. Eastbound traffic will turn south onto Alton Road east of the raised island.

Ongoing daytime Alton Road construction activities through November, 2013 from 6 Street to 12 Street will involve excavating the roadway, installing and testing the new water main along the west side of Alton Road. Currently, southbound travel lanes on Alton Road from 12 Street to 6 Street have been shifted and the left turn lanes at 8th Street and 11th Street. An additional, southbound lane may be closed as needed during daytime hours to perform this work. On-street parking within this area will be temporarily eliminated along both sides of Alton Road to allow room for the work to be performed and two travel lanes be maintained in each direction.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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